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Chairman Kevin Martin  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Room #8B-201  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Broadband Access for Tennesseans

Dear Chairman Martin:

As a state representative in Tennessee, I am familiar with the many small towns and cities in our state. Due to a lack of resources, many are left high and dry in the world of e-commerce. The internet has become an essential component of most peoples' daily lives, especially those in the government sector. This access is needed to communicate through e-mail, setup meetings, share data, the list could go on. The point is that this access is undeniably important, but many of our small towns cannot afford it and are suffering as a result.

It has been brought to my attention that your commission is reviewing a proposal that would bring free broadband internet to Tennessee and everywhere in America. I must say that this is a novel idea, one that I hope you are carefully considering. This service would allow our small counties and cities to compete for jobs, residents and business investments. Ultimately, it would mean a greater, more thriving economy. The constituents of my district, as well as all Tennesseans would be grateful for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

John Litz  
State Representative

CC: FCC Commissioners: Copps, Adelstein, Tate, McDowell  
FCC Secretary Marlene Dortch  
Kathy Seidel, Acting Chief, Wireless Bureau  
Senator Frist  
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